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French Embassy (Carton) gave Department following account Helou talks with de Gaulle and Couve de Murville:

1. Helou mentioned but did not stress Israeli threat to act militarily.

2. GOF reminded Helou it accepts existence Israel as accomplished fact, believed Israel and Arab states should refrain from exaggerating Jordan waters problem, hoped neither side would commit aggression.

3. Discussions were held re French assistance for GOL development plans.

4. Re Lebanese request for Mirage aircraft, GOF expressed readiness consider request as favorably as possible. Lebanese thought aircraft too expensive as compared to competition. Lebanese asked for credit terms which GOF is considering.

5. Helou said GOL does not want to standardize its military establishment on UAR model.

6. GOF believes communique about preservation integrity, sovereignty, and independence NE states has been interpreted in Lebanon as promise of support ~~again~~ against both Israeli threat and Arab pressure. (Tel Aviv has expressed its satisfaction with this part of communique.)

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